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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 21, 1999, please enter the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Page 1, Cross-Reference section, after 892,190, insert, "now U.S. Patent 5,837,284."

In the Claims:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for treating disease amenable to treatment with a phenidate drug in a patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to the patient a dosage form providing once-daily oral administration of *d-threo*-methylphenidate hydrochloride, said dosage form comprising two groups of particles, each containing *d-threo*-methylphenidate, wherein:

- a) said first group of particles comprises from about 2% to about 99% by weight of *d-threo*-methylphenidate hydrochloride and provides a substantially immediate dose of said *d-threo* methylphenidate upon ingestion by a mammal; and
- b) said second group of particles comprises coated particles, said coated particles

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